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Request to the Committee on Space Research of the International Council of Scientific Unions

Working paper submitted by Poland

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 45/72 of 11 December 1990, and the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and its Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at their annual meetings, have expressed their concern over the problem of the protection and preservation of the outer space environment.

2. Two working papers submitted by Poland - A/AC.105/L.190 (1991) and A/AC.105/C.1/L.181 (1992) - contained a proposal to elaborate a report on this matter and establish a working group of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee.

3. The above proposals and other initiatives on the question have received understanding and support from many delegations, but no specific action has been undertaken.

4. In order to accelerate action on this question and put it on a firm scientific base, we propose to request the Committee on Space Research (COSPAR) of the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) to elaborate a report on the protection and preservation of outer space, especially concerning activities potentially affecting the Earth environment.

5. The report should take into account the problem of space debris and other related matters, in particular the matters pointed out in working paper A/AC.105/L.190.